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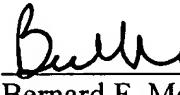
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed on November 29, 2005, the examiner has imposed a restriction requirement on the pending claims 5-12, between claims 5-9, and claims 10-14. Applicant elects to pursue claims 10-14 without traverse, and hence requests that claims 5-9 be canceled without prejudice.

Respectfully Submitted,

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